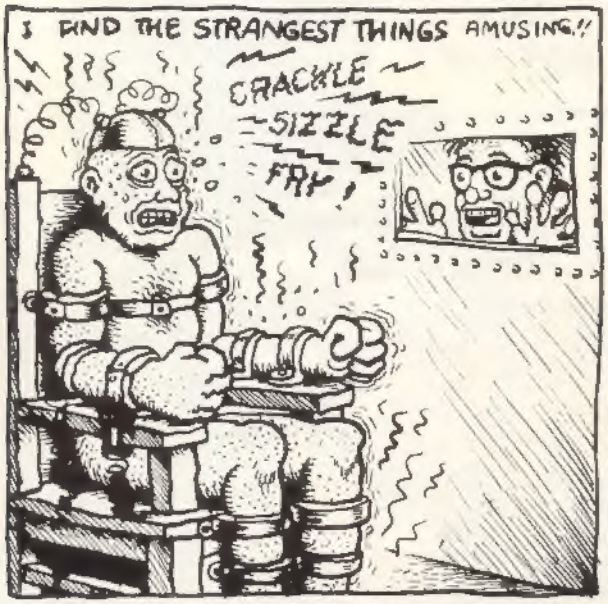
THE PRINT MINT
Plunge into the depths of
DESPAIR
60¢
THE PRINT MINT
SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING GOOD ON....
WHY BOTHER?

YOU MAY NOT THINK IT'S FUNNY, BUT I'VE GOT A

MORBID SENSE OF HUMOR

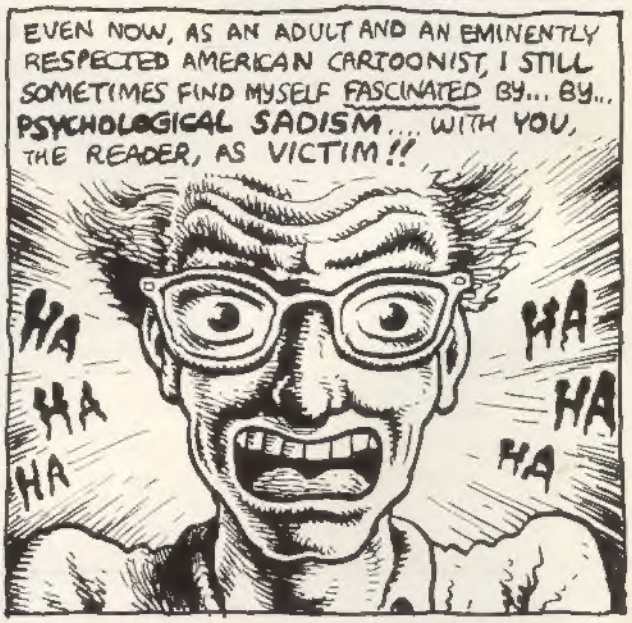
I FIND THE STRANGEST THINGS AMUSING!!



I SEEM TO DERIVE PLEASURE FROM THE SUFFERING OF OTHERS....

AS A CHILD, I FOUND DELIGHT IN TORMENTING AND/OR TORCHERING SMALLER ANIMALS AND/OR CHILDREN....

EVEN NOW, AS AN ADULT AND AN EMINENTLY RESPECTED AMERICAN CARTOONIST, I STILL SOMETIMES FIND MYSELF FASCINATED BY... BY... PSYCHOLOGICAL SADISM... WITH YOU, THE READER, AS VICTIM!!



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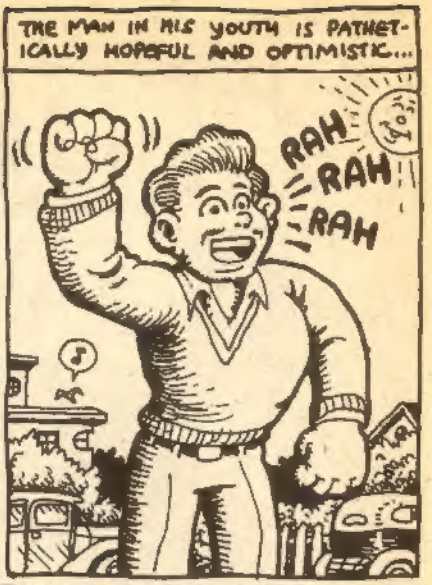
IT'S REALLY
TOOBAD
YES, IT'S REALLY TOOBAD, THE WAY THINGS WORKED OUT... IT COULD'VE BEEN SO BEAUTIFUL, BUT...AH WELL, READ IT AND WEEP...
WHAT'S THIS MODERN WORLD COMING TO?
IT'S NOT MUCH FUN BUT IT'S EFFICIENT...
IT'S NEUROTIC IS WHAT IT IS!!
BUT WHY DWELL ON IT! LET'S HAVE A PARTY!
LITTLE BROTHER'S NOT AS CUTE AS WAS HOPED, BUT NEVERMIND...

IS THE LUMPEN PROLETERIAT A LOST CAUSE?
ONLY TIME WILL TELL...
PERHAPS.... PERHAPS.... THESE ARE THE LAST DAYS!
GGULP!
WHO CARES? WHY GO ON LIVING?
"THAT'S RIGHT... WHY BOTHER?" SAYS RUTH SCHWARTZ TO HERSELF.
HERE COMES THE BUS...
THERE'S NO ESCAPE...
WAH!

THE WORKADAY WORLD MUST GO ON....
HOME
OFFICE
FACTORY
ABC PRODUCTS INC.
BE IT CAPITALISM...
JUST SIGN HERE!
OR COMMUNISM...
...OR ANY SYSTEM OR NON-SYSTEM...
IS DIS A SYSTEM?
I DUNNO... IS IT? MAYBE IT IS A SYSTEM... THEN AGAIN MAYBE NOT... I DUNNO...
FOOD
AND IN THE NEWS TODAY, THE WORLD SITUATION LOOKS PRETTY BAD, FOLKS...
SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING GOOD ON...
WHY BOTHER!
THINK THERE'S ANY HOPE?
BELIEVE ME... DESPAIR IS THE ONLY WAY OUT!!
QUIVER QUIVER

OH DEAR GOD...
HERB HOUSETOP DOES NOT BELIEVE IN GOD...
THERE IS NO GOD!!
MILLIONS OF DESPERATE CONSUMERS ROAM THE STREETS OF LARGE CITIES, TRYING TO FIND SOME UNKNOWN EGO FULFILLMENT...
AND THERE'S SO MANY OF THEM!!! THEY CHOKE THE THOROFARES... THEY COVER THE LAND LIKE LOCUSTS...
THEY SEEK SECURITY IN MOVEMENTS AND IN THE THRILL OF VIOLATING EACH OTHER...
WHOLE GENERATIONS DIE FOR WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE RIGHTEOUS CAUSES....
THEY THINK THAT SOMEHOW THIS WILL RELIEVE THEM FROM THE DRUDGERY AND BOREDOM OF EVERYDAY REALITY. THEY THINK WAR WILL SAVE THEM FROM DESPAIR! HA!!
AND STILL THE POPULATION DOUBLES AND TRIPLES UNTIL THERE IS NO LONGER SUCH A THING AS FRESH AIR...
..AND THE MORE CROWDED IT GETS, THE MORE CUT OFF THEY ARE FROM ONE ANOTHER...
REAL EXPERIENCE IS REPLACED BY FANTASY. THE INDIVIDUAL IS RENDERED HELPLESS BY IMPOSSIBLE LONGINGS...

SAINTS HAVE COME TO SHOW US "THE WAY", ONLY TO HAVE THEIR ASSES STOMPED INTO THE DIRT!!
FUCKIN' QUEER!!
BEAT TH' SHIT OUT OF 'IM!!
PEACE, MY BROTHERS!
GODDAMN WEIRDO COMMIE BEATNIK!


THE MAN IN HIS YOUTH IS PATHETICALLY HOPEFUL AND OPTIMISTIC...
RAH
RAH
RAH

...AS HE GROWS MORE "MATURE" HE BEGINS TO "FACE UP TO THE HARSH REALITIES" OF LIFE...

...AND ENDS UP OLD AND EMBITTERED REGRETFUL OF SHATTERED DREAMS, FEELING CHEATED BY FATE, HIS DAYS FILLED WITH ACHES AND PAINS SO THAT HE LOOKS FORWARD TO DEATH!!

MEN HAVE BEEN ASKING WHY AND PRAYING FOR DELIVERENCE FOR 10,000 YEARS AND IN 10,000 DIFFERENT WAYS...

HE SEEMS TO BE SMART ENUFF TO INVENT WAYS OF DESTROYING THE PLANET BUT CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET ALONG WITH HIS WIFE!
I'M MISERABLE!
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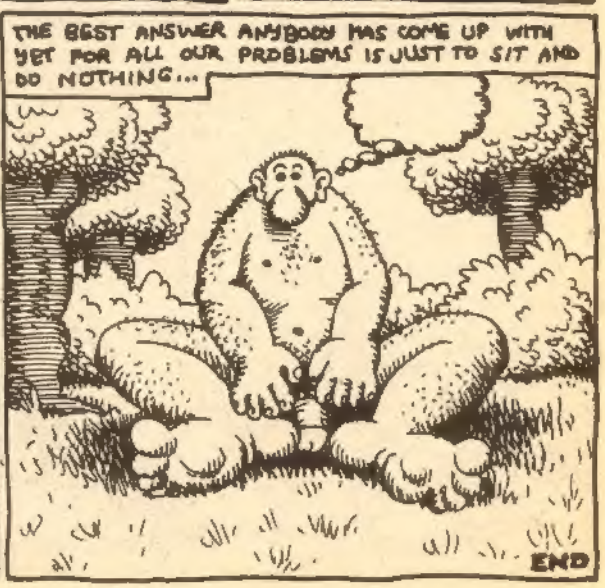
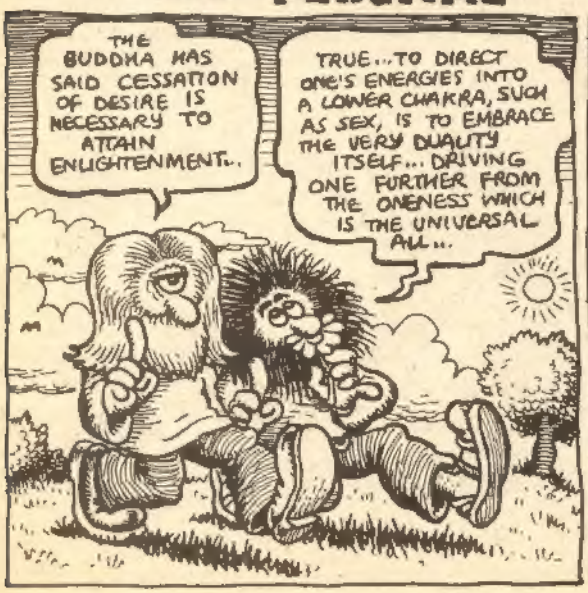
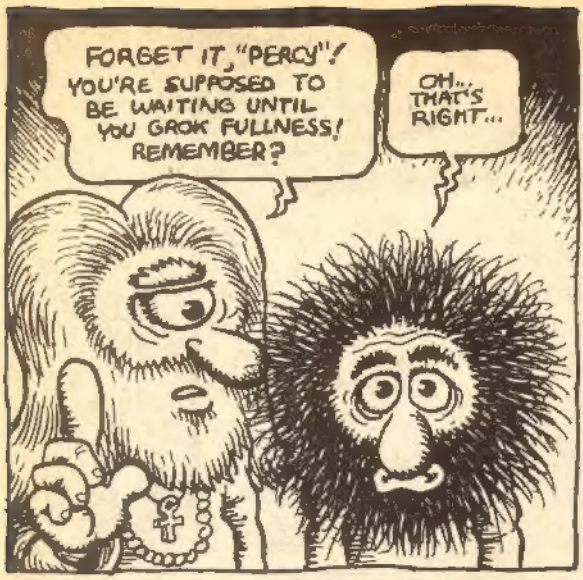

THE BEST ANSWER ANYBODY HAS COME UP WITH YET FOR ALL OUR PROBLEMS IS JUST TO SIT AND DO NOTHING...
END

...AND THEN THERE'S ALWAYS...

THE LIGHTER-THAN-AIR BOYS
LET'S TRANSCEND THIS LEVEL & GO TO A NON-VERBAL STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS AN' JUST VIBE BACK'N' FORTH...
YES. KARMA FLOWS IN CYCLES AND IT IS NOW TIME TO GET OFF THE MATERIAL PLANE... TIME TO BECOME MORE SPIRITUAL --LIKE, TIME TO STOP CHASING GIRLS ALLA TIME, LIKE...
featuring MERCIFUL PERCIVAL and SEYMOUR "SY" KLOPPS


THE BUDDHA HAS SAID CESSATION OF DESIRE IS NECESSARY TO ATTAIN ENLIGHTENMENT..
TRUE...TO DIRECT ONE'S ENERGIES INTO A LOWER CHAKRA, SUCH AS SEX, IS TO EMBRACE THE VERY DUALITY ITSELF... DRIVING ONE FURTHER FROM THE ONENESS WHICH IS THE UNIVERSAL ALL...

WELL, ON THE OTHER HAND, BECOMING ONE WITH A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITE SEX IS THE GREATEST MANIFESTATION OF THE TRUE GOD OF BEING...
HMM...SHE HAS A GOOD AURA... LET'S GO CHECK OUT HER VIBES...


FORGET IT, "PERCY"! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE WAITING UNTIL YOU GROK FULLNESS! REMEMBER?
OH... THAT'S RIGHT...

BUT THAT DOESN'T STOP ME FROM DIGGIN' SOME YIN ENERGIES!! HEY DOLL... WAIT UP!!
MY TROUBLE IS I DON'T HAVE ANY EGO ANYMORE... WHY, SOMETIMES I ALMOST FORGET ABOUT MYSELF COMPLETELY... AND START... TO... FLOAT... AWA-A-AY...

I BECOME AN ETHEREAL FORM... A MERE PSYCHIC ENERGY WAVE, WHICH, IF DIRECTED BY MY WILL, CAN PENETRATE THE MINDS OF OTHER BEINGS BY WAY OF THE ASTRAL PLANE!! I NOW PERCIEVE MY BROTHER "SY" KLOPPS... HMM... HIS VIBES COME THROUGH EXTREMELY... UH--ACUTELY... ER... HORNY...
HEY!!

I'D BETTER GET BACK TO THE GROSS MATERIAL LEVEL AN' SEE WHAT'S GOIN' ON...
SHH... QUIET! I'M DOING HER CHART... HMM... YOUR MOON'S IN CAPRICORN... HOW INTRISTING!!
HI! OH HO!! VIRGO??
GEE! HOW'D YOU KNOW?
THERE IS MUCH THAT I KNOW...

MARS IN IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO YOUR ASCENDENT, CREATING CONTRADICTIONS IN YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS SPHERE... SOMETHING YOU'RE AWARE OF, NO DOUBT...
PLAY GYPSY!

EARTH CONJUNCTS WITH THE PLANET PLUTO HERE, GIVING YOU A STRONG INCLINATION TOWARD MYSTICISM AND THE OCCULT... AN ASPECT WHICH INCLUDES THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOU MAY BE... DARE I SAY IT?... A WITCH!!
WHERE'D SHE GO!!

HEY DID YOU SEE THIS? ON YOUR CHART HERE... YOU MAY BE A WITCH!!
I KNOW!! I'VE ALREADY HAD MY CHART READ TO ME SIX TIMES!!
SY IS REAL GOOD AT DOIN' CHARTS... HE SHOULD BE! HE USETA BE A PHYSICIST!!
HAR HAIR!!
OH WOW!!
I'M NOT ASHAMED OF THE FACT!!
THAT'S NOTHING!! HAPPY BOY THERE YOOSTA LIVE IN HOLLY-WOOD AND TRIED TA GET IN THE MOVIES!! YUK YUK!!
AFTER "SY" DROPPED OUTA TH' MATH GAME HE GOT A MOTOR CYCLE AN' WORE A LEATHER JACKET WITH STUDS ON IT.!!
HOW 'BOUT THAT?
PERCY IS ACTUALLY A VETERAN DOPE DEALER AN' A WELL-KNOWN RIP-OFF ARTIST BESIDES!!
SEYMOUR HAS A REPUTATION AS THE HEAVIEST BULLSHITTER IN ALL OF HIPPIEDOM, NOT TO MENTION HIS PHONY COME-ON WITH CHICKS, HIS CAREER AS HAIGHT STREET CHERRY BUSTER, AND SO ON AND SO ON...
HI GIRL!
HOW YOU IS? HEY DO BLONDS REALLY HAVE MO' FUN? HUH? YO'ALL ISN'T RACE PREJUDICE, IS YO'?
WHO? ME??
OH NO!! WHY, I NEVER WAS! HONEST!
I SENSE TH' VIBES HERE ARE GETTING TOO JIVEY... TH' MOON MUST BE IN SCORPIO...
YOU'RE RIGHT... LET'S SPLIT AN' GO MEDITATE OR SOMETHIN'... SHE DIDN'T COP TO BEING AN EARTH SIGN ANYWAY...
THE END

EDGAR & MARIJANE CRUMB
A FAMILY COMIC STRIP FOR HIPPIES
JUST THINK, EDGAR, TO WHAT GREAT SPIRITUAL HEIGHTS WE WILL SOAR WHEN WE GET TO THE SACRED PEAK OF MOUNT TALCOMPICUS!!
YES DEAR
BE SURE TO STOP AT HOLY NED'S FOR GOOD ADVICE
UNENCUMBERED BY THE PETTY MATERIALISTIC HANG-UPS OF THE CITY WE'LL "OM" 'TILL THE COWS COME HOME!
YES DEAR!
EDGAR! LOOK! SWASTICAS FALLING OUT OF THE SKY!!
STEP ON IT, DEAR! LET'S GIT OUTA HERE!
YE GODS
VARROOM
SCREEEEEE
EEEK!
OOPS!
EEEE
EDGAR, I'M FALLING!
IT'S ALRIGHT DEAR!
HEY MA! LOOK!
EH!?
MINE GOTT!! SVASTIKLES! FALLING FROM OUTEN DA SKY!!
DERE'S NO PLACE SAFE IN DIS DAY 'N AGE! COME IN DA HOUSE, IRVING!
Bob "Hes the King" Crumb
CRIME IN THE STREETS
introducing
THE MANHOLE MANIACS
HEY! WUT'S D' SITUATION, SOL?
LOOK OUT IDGIT!
WUT? SPEAK UP!
I SAID YOU BETTER WOTCHIT, U IDGIT!!
YAK!
AWK!
OW WOW!
HAW HAW HAW HAW
PISS ON YEW, PUNK!
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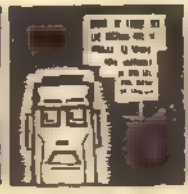
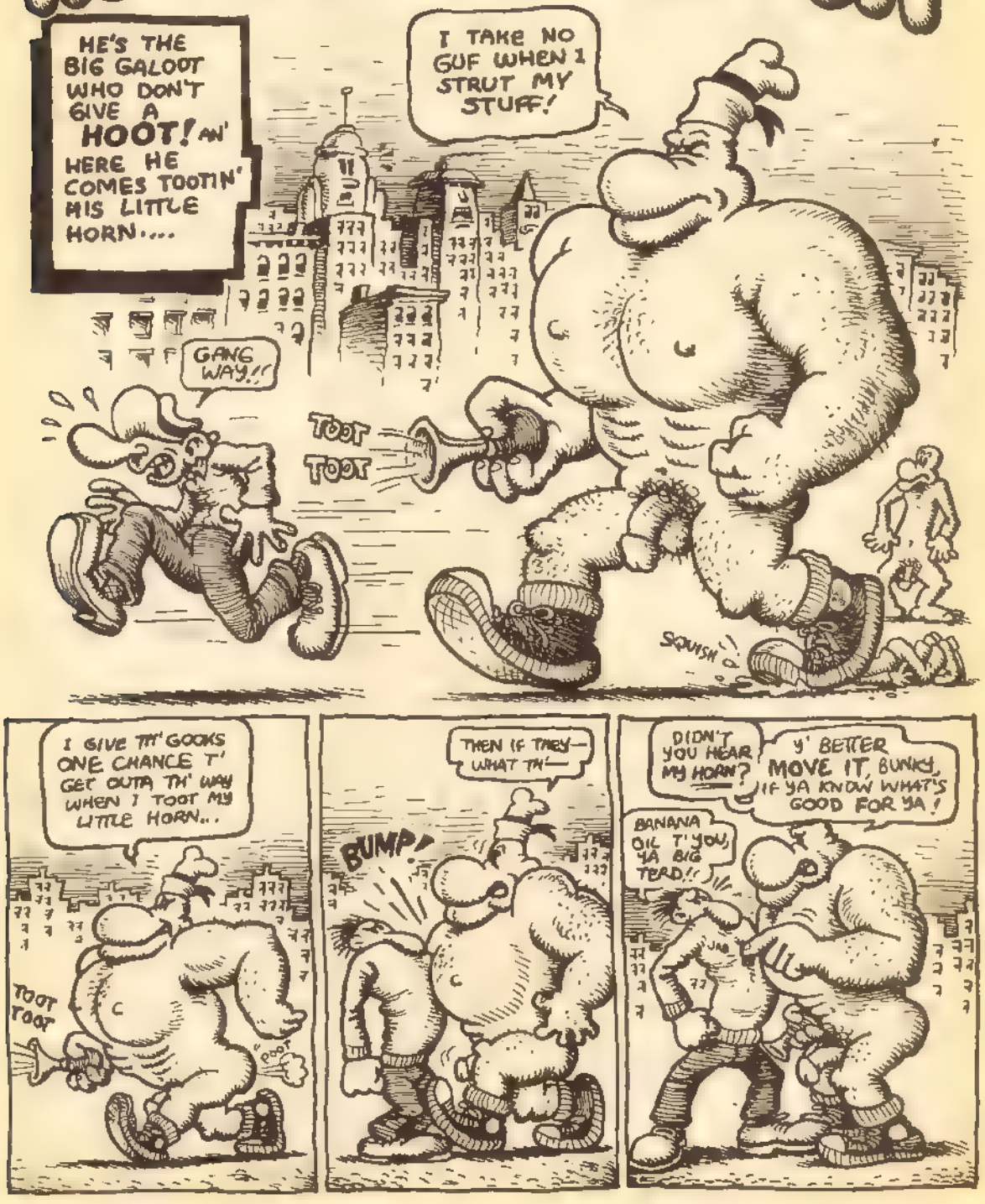
The PHONUS BALONUS Blues

ANOTHER STORY OF LIFE AND LOVE IN THE BIG CITY!!

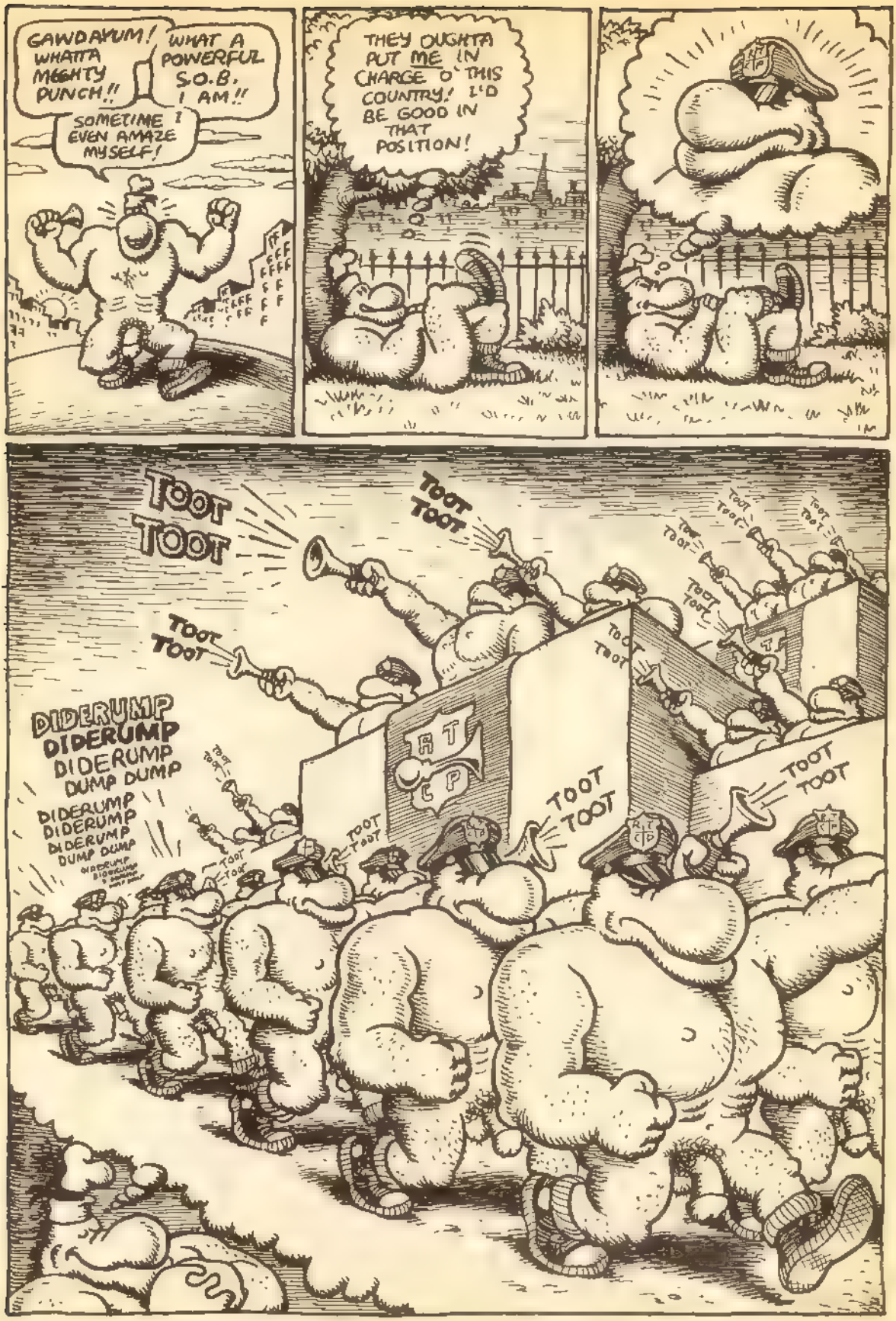
SOME MIGHT CHALK IT UP TO THE BLUES



It's the RUFF TUFF CREAMPUFF


HE'S THE BIG GALOOT WHO DON'T GIVE A HOOT! AN' HERE HE COMES TOOTIN' HIS LITTLE HORN....
I TAKE NO GUF WHEN I STRUT MY STUFF!
GANG WAY!!
TOOT TOOT
SQUISH
I GIVE TH' GOOKS ONE CHANCE T' GET OUTA TH' WAY WHEN I TOOT MY LITTLE HORN...
TOOT TOOT
THEN IF THEY— WHAT TH'—
BUMP!
DIDN'T YOU HEAR MY HORN?
Y' BETTER MOVE IT, BUNKY, IF YA KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YA!
BANANA OIL T' YOU, YA BIG TERD!!

DID YOU HEAR THAT? LISTEN TO TH' PUNK!!
HEY MAN! DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS ??
WUT ZIT MEAN?
IT MEANS YOU'VE STOOD IN MY WAY LONG ENOUGH, RUNT!!
SPUDGE!
IT MAKES ME FEEL BAD WHEN I HAFTA HIT LITTLE GUYS LIKE THAT, BUT HE DIDN'T LISTEN. THEY GOTTA PAY MORE ATTENTION TO MY HORN! THAT'S ALL!
SNAP
HONK
WHY YOU—
?
NGH
POW
WAW!
LIKE FAR OUT!
WHAT HIT US!


GAWDAYUM! WHATTA MIGHTY PUNCH!!
WHAT A POWERFUL S.O.B. I AM!!
SOMETIME I EVEN AMAZE MYSELF!
THEY OUGHTA PUT ME IN CHARGE O' THIS COUNTRY! I'D BE GOOD IN THAT POSITION!
TOOT TOOT
TOOT TOOT
TOOT TOOT
TOOT TOOT
TOOT TOOT
TOOT TOOT
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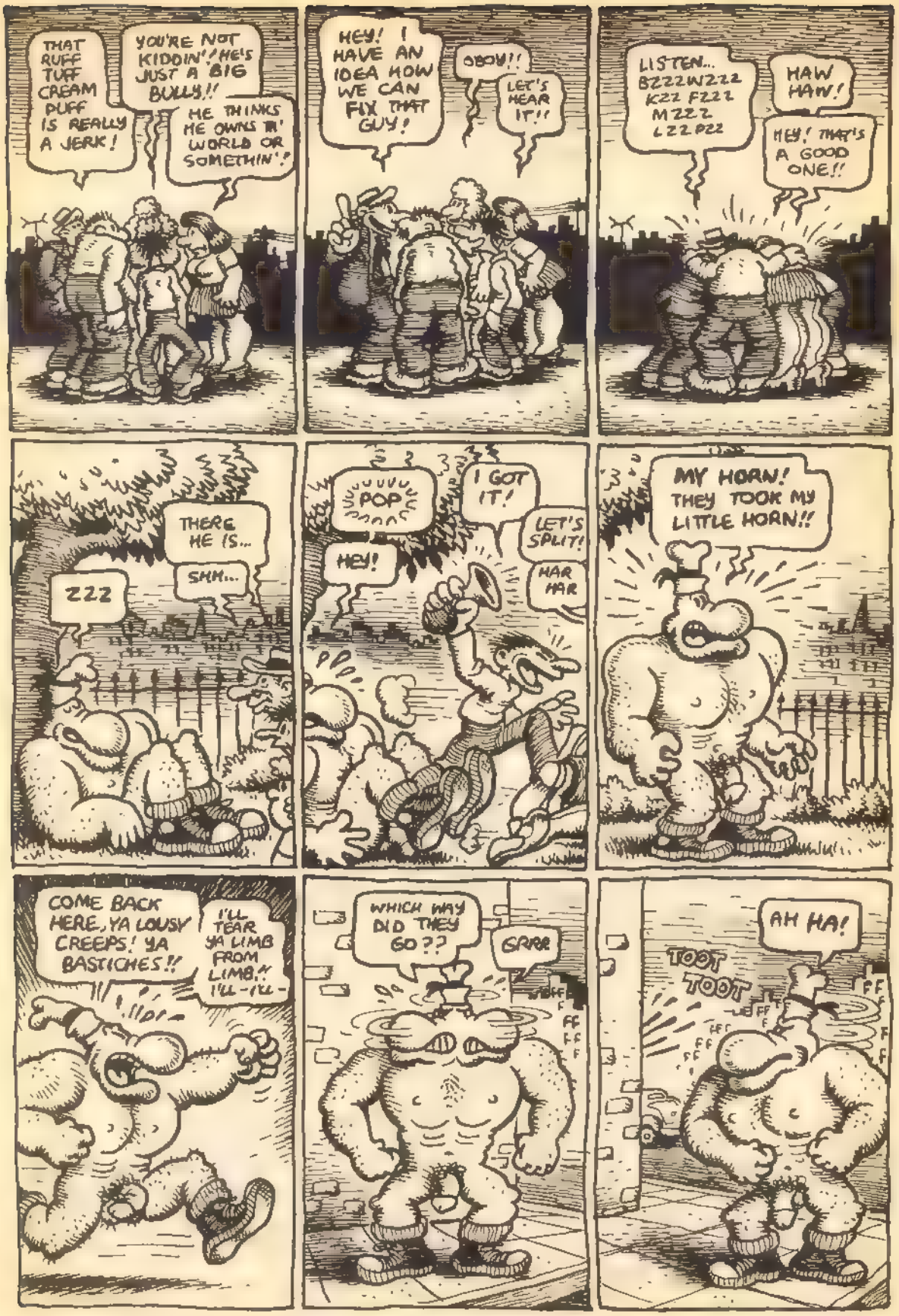
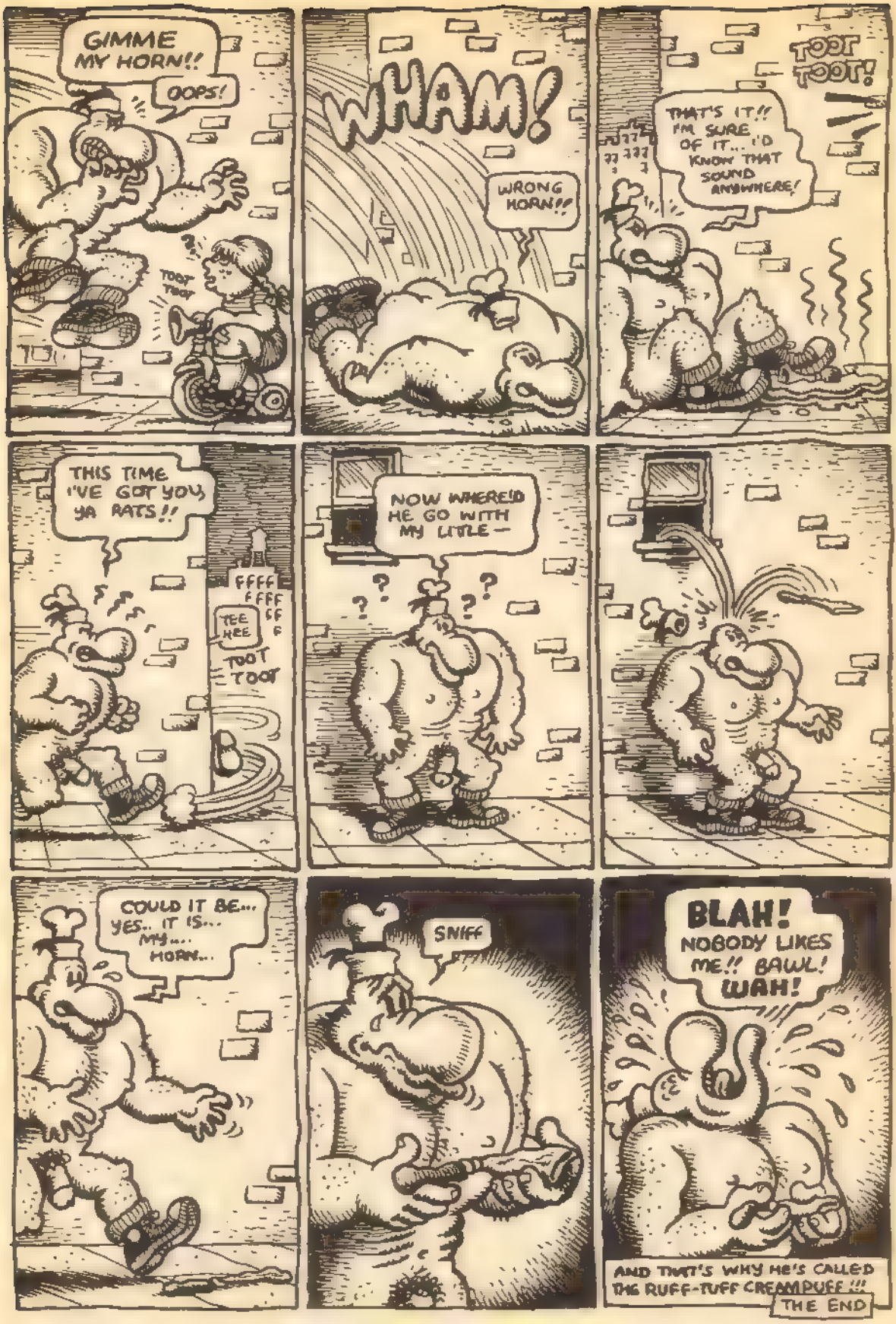

THAT RUFF TUFF CREAM PUFF IS REALLY A JERK!
YOU'RE NOT KIDDIN'! HE'S JUST A BIG BULLY!!
HE THINKS HE OWNS TH' WORLD OR SOMETHIN'!
HEY! I HAVE AN IDEA HOW WE CAN FIX THAT GUY!
OBOY!!
LET'S HEAR IT!!
LISTEN... BZZZWZZZ KZZ FZZZ MZZZ LZZ PZZ
HAW HAW!
HEY! THAT'S A GOOD ONE!!
THERE HE IS...
SHH...
ZZZ
POP
I GOT IT!
LET'S SPLIT!
HEY!
HAR HAR
MY HORN! THEY TOOK MY LITTLE HORN!!
COME BACK HERE, YA LOUSY CREEPS! YA BASTICHES!!
I'LL TEAR YA LIMB FROM LIMB!! I'LL-I'LL-
WHICH WAY DID THEY GO??
GRRR
AH HA!
TOOT TOOT

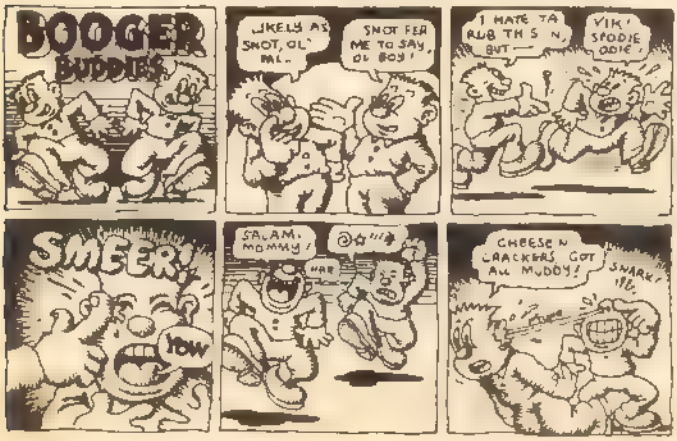

GIMME MY HORN!!
OOPS!
TOOT TOOT
WHAM!
WRONG HORN!!
TOOT TOOT!
THAT'S IT!! I'M SURE OF IT... I'D KNOW THAT SOUND ANYWHERE!
THIS TIME I'VE GOT YOU, YA RATS!!
FFFF FFFF FF F
TEE HEE
TOOT TOOT
NOW WHERE'D HE GO WITH MY LITTLE—
COULD IT BE... YES.. IT IS... MY... HORN...
SNIFF
BLAH! NOBODY LIKES ME!! BAWL! WAH!
AND THAT'S WHY HE'S CALLED THE RUFF-TUFF CREAMPUFF !!!
THE END

SLEEZY SNOT COMICS

by R. "WISE-ASS" Crumb

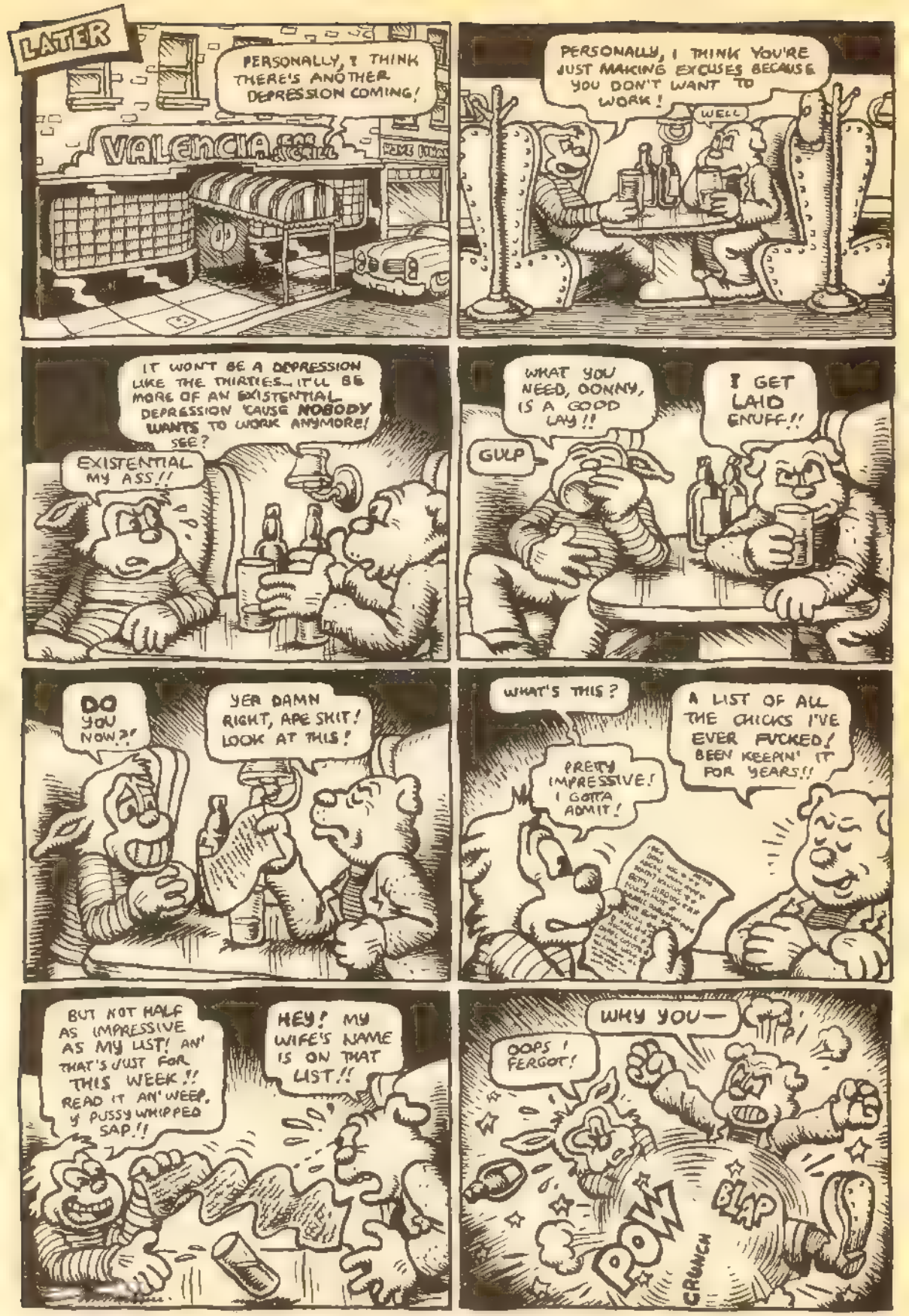
EAST SIDE SORROWS with the OLD POOPEROO
GOD DAMN LOUSY MOTHER FUCKING—
ROTTEN SHIT EATING NO GOOD
COCK SUCKING SON OF A BITCHING
DIRTY STINKING
PLUNK
BZZ?
HM
LA DE DA DUM
UMM LA DE DA
A LITTLE TOO MUCH SALT, BUT OTHERWISE A MOST REFRESHING BALWTH!
MMM. YOU SMELL SO CLEAN!
YES THANKS TO THAT OLD POOPEROO

Mr. Natural
MR. NATURAL, I'M HORNY
YOU RE HORNY
YEAH, BUT GEE WHIZ I HAFTA PLAY THESE STUPID GAMES IF I WANNA GET LAID, AM I JUST CAN'T SEEM-
?
HOW DOES AN OLD FART LIKE THAT DO IT??
THERE HE IS, OLD NUFF T BE MY GRANDFATHER FOR CHRISSAKE AN HE GETS MORE PUSSY THAN I DO!
UMM FUKEY, TH S S SNARLEY GODDYBBS SAID I KE to FUCK You
HI!
ER-UH-
HE'LL PROBABLY BLOW IT!



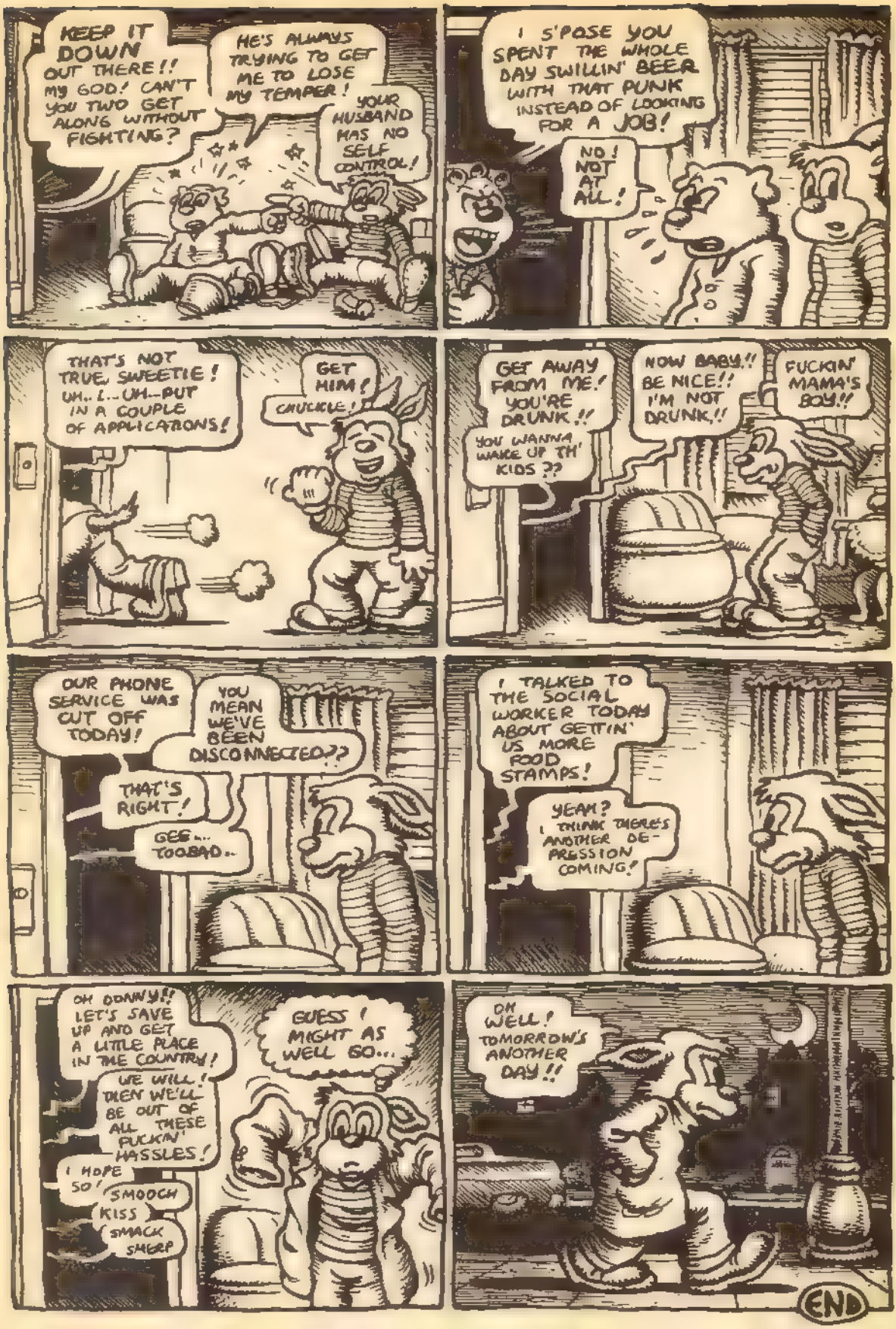
HONKY VISITS THE LOWER EAST SIDE AND MAKES A DAMN FOOL OF HISSELF!
HI! PEACE, EVERYBODY!
HEH HE H'
I LOVE YOU PEOPLE
WHAT HE DOIN'?
SEE?

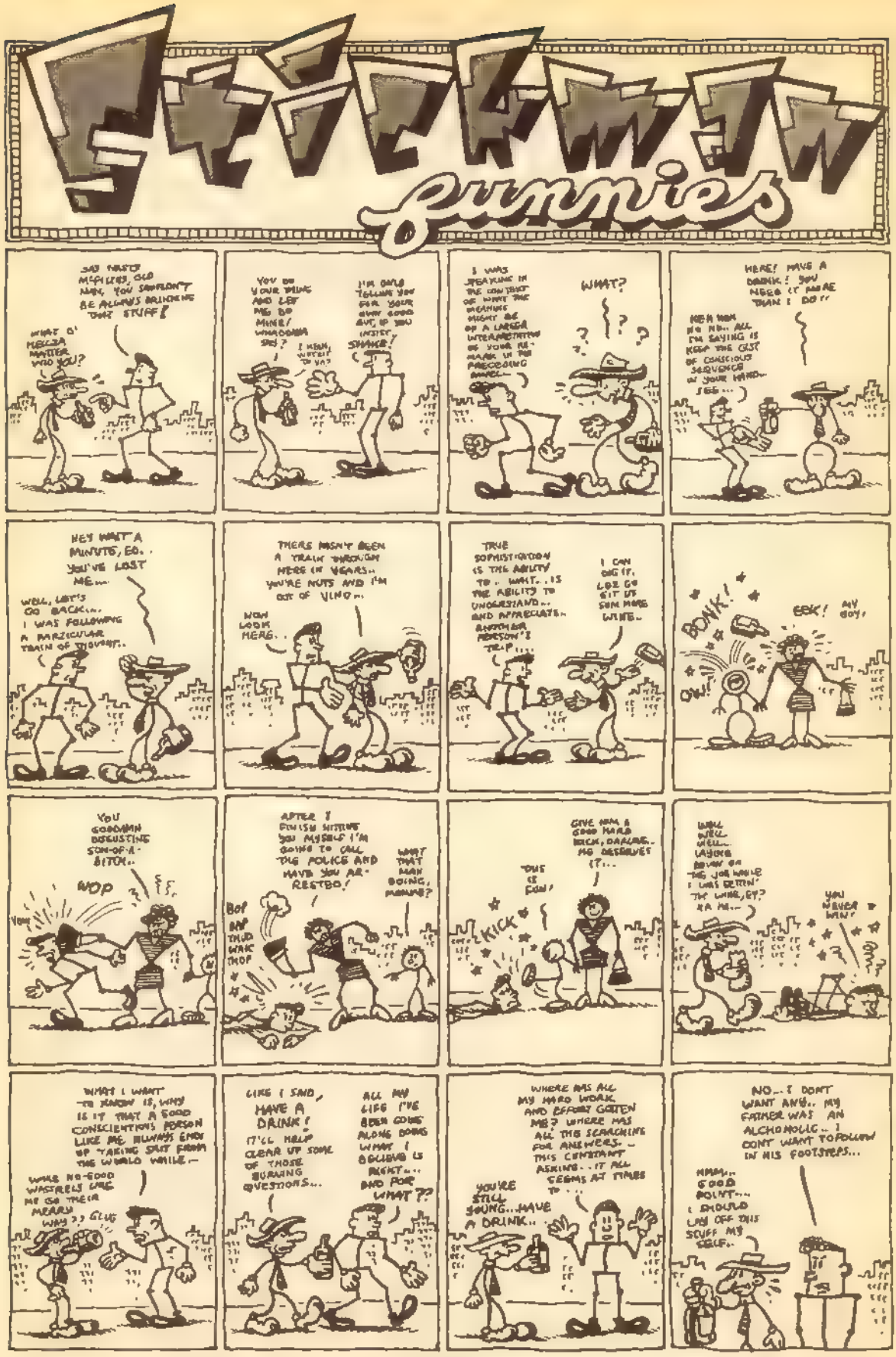
FUZZY the BUNNY in "THE SAME OLD CRAP"
HERE COMES MY OL' PAL DONNY DOG! HE LOOKS HUNG-UP ABOUT SOMETHING!
EGO PALACE
HEY DONNY! WHY SO GLUM, CHUM?
OK HI FUZ... I'M S'POSED TO BE LOOKIN' FOR WORK TODAY..
CHEER UP, KID! BEHOLD TH' BIRDS OF TH' AIR AN' TH' LILLIES OF TH' FIELD! THEY NEITHER SOW NOR REAP..
NOR GIVE A CARE FOR TOMORROW... I KNOW...
IT'S EASY FOR YOU TO TALK! YOU'VE ALWAYS GOT SOME WOMAN SUPPORTING YOU!!
WELL, SOME GUYS GOT IT, SOME GUYS NEVER WILL! KAW KAW
I COULD HAVE A CHICK SUPPORTIN' ME TODAY IF I WANTED TO.. BUT I HAVE A SENSE OF DECENCY! WHERE AS YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND—
OH YEAH?
UAB
I DON'T LIKE THAT KIND OF TALK!!
BIF
GRRR
SOCK!
POW
STOOPID!
SLAM!
WHAP!
CREEP!

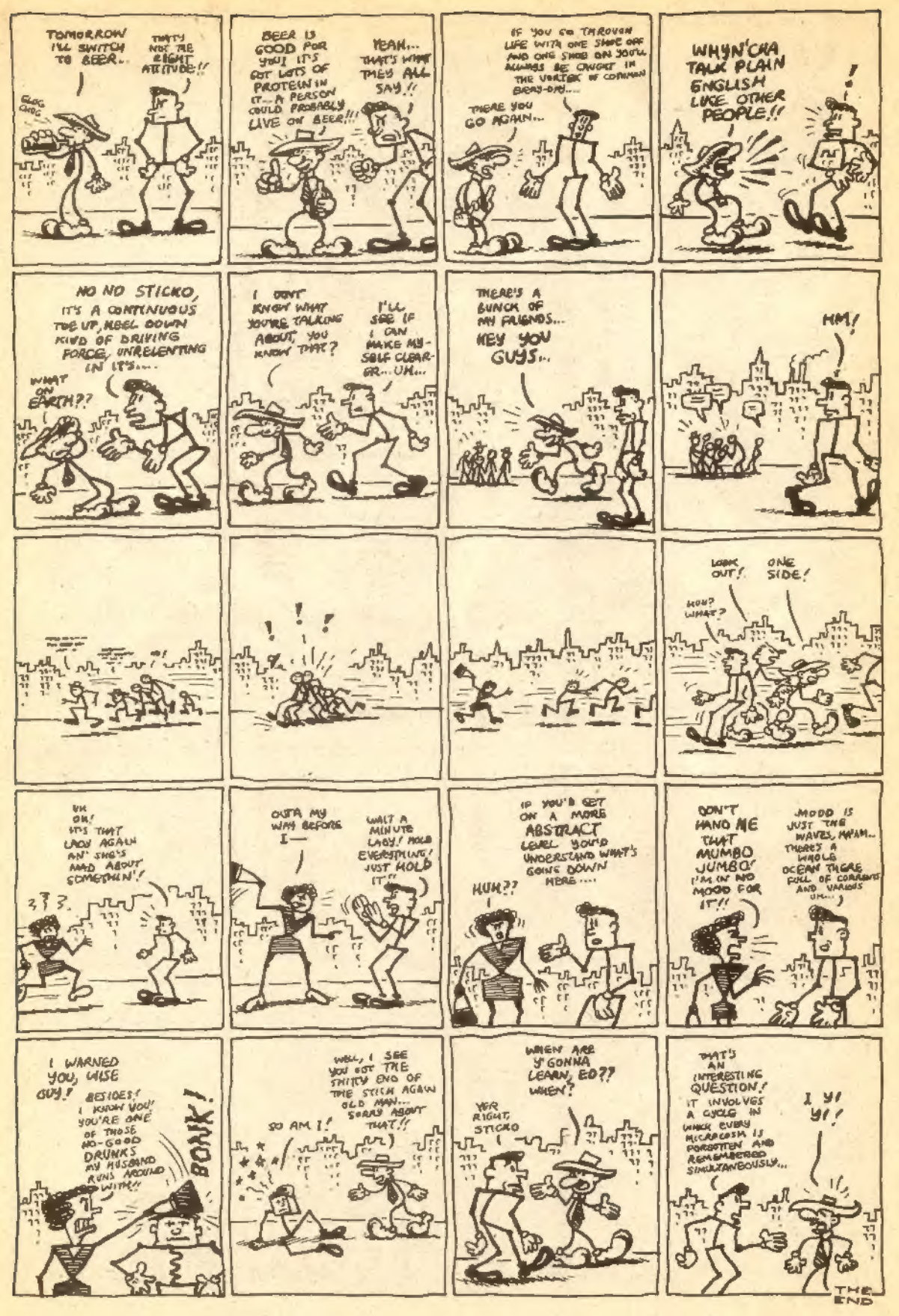

LATER
PERSONALLY, I THINK THERE'S ANOTHER DEPRESSION COMING!
VALENCIA GRILL
PERSONALLY, I THINK YOU'RE JUST MAKING EXCUSES BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO WORK!
WELL
IT WON'T BE A DEPRESSION LIKE THE THIRTIES... IT'LL BE MORE OF AN EXISTENTIAL DEPRESSION 'CAUSE NOBODY WANTS TO WORK ANYMORE! SEE?
EXISTENTIAL MY ASS!!
WHAT YOU NEED, DONNY, IS A GOOD LAY!!
I GET LAID ENUFF!!
GULP
DO YOU NOW?!
YER DAMN RIGHT, APE SHIT! LOOK AT THIS!
WHAT'S THIS?
A LIST OF ALL THE CHICKS I'VE EVER FUCKED! BEEN KEEPIN' IT FOR YEARS!!
PRETTY IMPRESSIVE! I GOTTA ADMIT!
BUT NOT HALF AS IMPRESSIVE AS MY LIST! AN' THAT'S JUST FOR THIS WEEK!! READ IT AN' WEEP, Y PUSSY WHIPPED SAP!!
HEY! MY WIFE'S NAME IS ON THAT LIST!!
WHY YOU—
OOPS! FERGOT!
POW
BLAP
CRUNCH

STILL LATER
MMMBOY! LOOKEY THERE!
HAW HAW
THAT SURE LOOKS GOOD TO ME!
DONNY MY FRIEND, YOU WERE A FOOL TO GET MARRIED! MARRIAGE IS A SUCKER'S GAME IF THERE EVER WAS ONE!
YEAH YEAH! CAN THE LECTURES, WISE GUY!
YOU'LL NEVER SEE ME GETTIN' HOOKED UP TO ONE WOMAN...IT'S A DEATH TRAP IS WHAT IT IS... A STRANGLEHOLD ...A BALL AND CHAIN...
WILL YOU SHUT UP?!
PARADISE MART
WHY DID YOU GET MARRIED IN TH' FIRST PLACE, DONNY? HMM? WHY??
I DON'T KNOW...QUIT HARRASSING ME FOR CHRIS-SAKE, WILLYA?
WELL I'LL TELL YOU WHY!! BECAUSE YOU'RE AFRAID OF WOMEN!! PURE AND SIMPLE! YOU JUST DON'T KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH 'EM!
IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO BASIC PSYCHOLOGICAL PATTERNS IN THE MIND... YOUR TOILET TRAINING WAS ALL FOULED UP SO YOU ACQUIRED AN IN-FERIORITY COMPLEX AT A VERY EARLY AGE...
THIS, COUPLED WITH THE OEDIPAL COMPLEX CAUSED YOU TO —
BASH
ME AND MY BIG MOUTH!
SOCK!
SMAKO
HIT

MUCH LATER
WE SHOULD STOP ALL THIS FIGHTIN' ALL TH' TIME AN' LEARN HOW TO GET ALONG!
YOU'RE RIGHT, BONNY!
GLUG
I'M REALLY TIRED OF GETTIN' LUMPS FROM TH' LIKES OF YOU...
AND I'M EQUALLY TIRED OF YOUR INSULTS!!
MY INSULTS!! YOU'RE TH' ONE WHO ALWAYS GETS HOSTILE AND HAS TO START HURLING EPITHETS!!
ME!!
YOU JUST CAN'T STAND TO HEAR THE TRUTH! THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, MY FRIEND!!
GET OFF IT!
THAT'S ABUNCHA BULLSHIT! WHAT DO YOU KNOW, YA POMPOUS ASSHOLE?!
HA HA.... COMPARED TO WHAT I KNOW, YOU HAVEN'T EVEN SCRATCHED THE SURFACE, MY FRIEND!!
CUT OUT THAT "MY FRIEND" SHIT!!
TSK TSK... GETTING A BIT HOT UNDER TH' COLLAR THERE, AREN'T WE...
...MY "FRIEND"??
@✦✱@卐!!
HE'S TOUCHY!
WHAM
POW
KICK
THUD!


KEEP IT DOWN OUT THERE!! MY GOD! CAN'T YOU TWO GET ALONG WITHOUT FIGHTING?
HE'S ALWAYS TRYING TO GET ME TO LOSE MY TEMPER!
YOUR HUSBAND HAS NO SELF CONTROL!
I S'POSE YOU SPENT THE WHOLE DAY SWILLIN' BEER WITH THAT PUNK INSTEAD OF LOOKING FOR A JOB!
NO! NOT AT ALL!
THAT'S NOT TRUE, SWEETIE! UH.. I--UH--PUT IN A COUPLE OF APPLICATIONS!
GET HIM!
CHUCKLE!
GET AWAY FROM ME! YOU'RE DRUNK!!
YOU WANNA WAKE UP TH' KIDS??
NOW BABY!! BE NICE!! I'M NOT DRUNK!!
FUCKIN' MAMA'S BOY!!
OUR PHONE SERVICE WAS CUT OFF TODAY!
YOU MEAN WE'VE BEEN DISCONNECTED??
THAT'S RIGHT!
GEE... TOOBAD..
I TALKED TO THE SOCIAL WORKER TODAY ABOUT GETTIN' US MORE FOOD STAMPS!
YEAH? I THINK THERE'S ANOTHER DE-PRESSION COMING!
OH DONNY!! LET'S SAVE UP AND GET A LITTLE PLACE IN THE COUNTRY!
WE WILL! THEN WE'LL BE OUT OF ALL THESE FUCKIN' HASSLES!
I HOPE SO!
SMOOCH
KISS
SMACK
SMERP
GUESS I MIGHT AS WELL GO...
OH WELL! TOMORROW'S ANOTHER DAY!!
END


Stickmen Funnies
SAY WASTE MUSCLES, OLD MAN, YOU SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED DRINKING THAT STUFF!
WHAT D' HELLUVA MATTER WID YOU?
YOU DO YOUR THING AND LET ME DO MINE! WHADDAYA SAY?
I'M GONNA TELLYUH FOR YOUR OWN GOOD AN' IF YOU INSIST, SHANKS!
I WAS SPEAKING IN THE CONTEXT OF WHAT THE MEANING MIGHT BE OF A LARGER INTERPRETATION OF YOUR RE-MARK IN THE PRECEDING PANEL...
WHAT?
HERE! HAVE A DRINK! YOU NEED IT MORE THAN I DO!!
NEH NEH NO NO... ALL I'M SAYING IS KEEP THE GIST OF CONSCIOUS SEQUENCE IN YOUR HAND... SEE...
HEY WAIT A MINUTE, ED.. YOU'VE LOST ME...
WELL, LET'S GO BACK... I WAS FOLLOWING A PARTICULAR TRAIN OF THOUGHT...
THERE HASN'T BEEN A TRAIN THROUGH HERE IN YEARS.. YOU'RE NUTS AND I'M OUT OF HERE...
WOW LOOK HERE..
TRUE SOPHISTICATION IS THE ABILITY TO.. WAIT.. IS THE ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND.. AND APPRECIATE.. ANOTHER PERSON'S TRIP...
I CAN DIG IT. LOOK GO GET US SOME MORE WINE..
BONK!
EEEK! MY BOY!
OW!
YOU GODDAMN DISGUSTING SON-OF-A-BITCH..
WOP
AFTER I FINISH SITTING YOU MYSELF I'M GOING TO CALL THE POLICE AND HAVE YOU AR-RESTED!
WHAT THAT MAN DOING, MAMMA?
BOP BAP THUD WAK THOF
THIS IS FUN!
GIVE HIM A GOOD HARD KICK, DARLING.. HE DESERVES IT...
KICK
WELL WELL WELL... LAYING DOWN ON THE JOB WHILE I WAS GETTIN' THE WINE, EH? HA HA...
YOU NEVER WIN!
WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS, WHY IS IT THAT A GOOD CONSCIENTIOUS PERSON LIKE ME ALWAYS ENDS UP TAKING SHIT FROM THE WORLD WHILE—
WHILE NO-GOOD WASTRELS LIKE HE GO THEIR MERRY WAY?? GLUG
LIKE I SAID, HAVE A DRINK! IT'LL HELP CLEAR UP SOME OF THOSE BURNING QUESTIONS...
ALL MY LIFE I'VE BEEN GOING ALONG DOING WHAT I BELIEVE IS RIGHT... AND FOR WHAT??
WHERE WAS ALL MY HARD WORK AND EFFORT GOTTEN ME? WHERE WAS ALL THE SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS... THIS CONSTANT ASKING... IT ALL SEEMS AT TIMES TO...
YOU'RE STILL YOUNG... HAVE A DRINK...
NO... I DON'T WANT AND... MY FATHER WAS AN ALCHOHOLIC... I CONT WANT TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS...
HMMM... GOOD POINT... I SHOULD LAY OFF THIS STUFF MYSELF...


TOMORROW I'LL SWITCH TO BEER..
THATS NOT THE RIGHT ATTITUDE!!
BEER IS GOOD FOR YOU! IT'S GOT LOTS OF PROTEIN IN IT--A PERSON COULD PROBABLY LIVE ON BEER!!!
YEAH... THAT'S WHAT THEY ALL SAY!!
IF YOU GO THROUGH LIFE WITH ONE SHOE OFF AND ONE SHOE ON YOU'LL ALWAYS BE CAUGHT IN THE VORTEX OF COMMON SENSE-ORS...
THERE YOU GO AGAIN...
WHY'N'CHA TALK PLAIN ENGLISH LIKE OTHER PEOPLE!!
NO NO STICKO, IT'S A CONTINUOUS TOE UP, HEEL DOWN KIND OF DRIVING FORCE, UNRELENTING IN IT'S....
WHAT ON EARTH??
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, YOU KNOW THAT?
I'LL SEE IF I CAN MAKE MYSELF CLEARER... UH...
THERE'S A BUNCH OF MY FRIENDS... HEY YOU GUYS..
HM!
LOOK OUT! ONE SIDE!
HUH? WHAT?
OH OH! IT'S THAT LADY AGAIN AN' SHE'S MAD ABOUT SOMETHIN'!
OUTA MY WAY BEFORE I—
WAIT A MINUTE LADY! HOLD EVERYTHING! JUST HOLD IT!!
IF YOU'D GET ON A MORE ABSTRACT LEVEL YOU'D UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING DOWN HERE....
HUH??
DON'T HAND ME THAT MUMBO JUMBO! I'M IN NO MOOD FOR IT!!
MOOD IS JUST THE WAVES, MA'AM... THERE'S A WHOLE OCEAN THERE FULL OF CURRENTS AND VARIOUS UH...
I WARNED YOU, LISE GUY! BESIDES! I KNOW YOU! YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE NO-GOOD DRUNKS MY HUSBAND RUNS AROUND WITH!!
BONK!
WELL, I SEE YOU GOT THE SHITTY END OF THE STICK AGAIN OLD MAN... SORRY ABOUT THAT!!
SO AM I!
WHEN ARE Y'GONNA LEARN, ED?? WHEN?
YER RIGHT, STICKO
THAT'S AN INTERESTING QUESTION! IT INVOLVES A CYCLE IN WHICH EVERY MICROCOSM IS FORGOTTEN AND REMEMBERED SIMULTANEOUSLY...
I YI YI!
THE END

Caught in the grips of DESPAIR!?

IS THIS YOU?

DO YOU SOMETIMES FEEL LIKE A MOTHERLESS CHILD!? ...LOST IN THE DESERT? ..... BOXED IN? ....ARE YOU ALWAYS GRAPPLING WITH THE DUALITIES OF LIFE?

TIMES ARE TOUGH, HUH, BUD?

NOBODY EVER SAID IT WAS GOING TO BE A BED OF ROSES!! SO NOW YOU'VE MADE YOUR BED, SO NOW **EAT** IT!! OR, YOU MIGHT SAY, YOU'VE BUTTERED YOUR BREAD, NOW SLEEP IN IT! WHO DO YOU THINK **YOU** ARE? **GOD?** WHAT GIVES **YOU** THE RIGHT TO THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE IT ANY BETTER THAN THE **NEXT** GUY? **FORGET IT!!** THERE'S **NO HOPE!!** THAT'S RIGHT, KIDS! **NO HOPE!** FACE FACTS!! LOOK AT THE WORLD SITUATION!! HOW LONG CAN YOU GO ON DELUDING YOURSELF THAT THINGS WILL GET BETTER?? THE ONLY THING TO DO IS RESIGN YOURSELF TO THE FATAL INEVITABILITY OF IT ALL!

WHILE WAITING FOR DEATH, READ "DESPAIR!" IT'S YOUR KIND OF COMIC!!

Take a tip from R. Crumb:

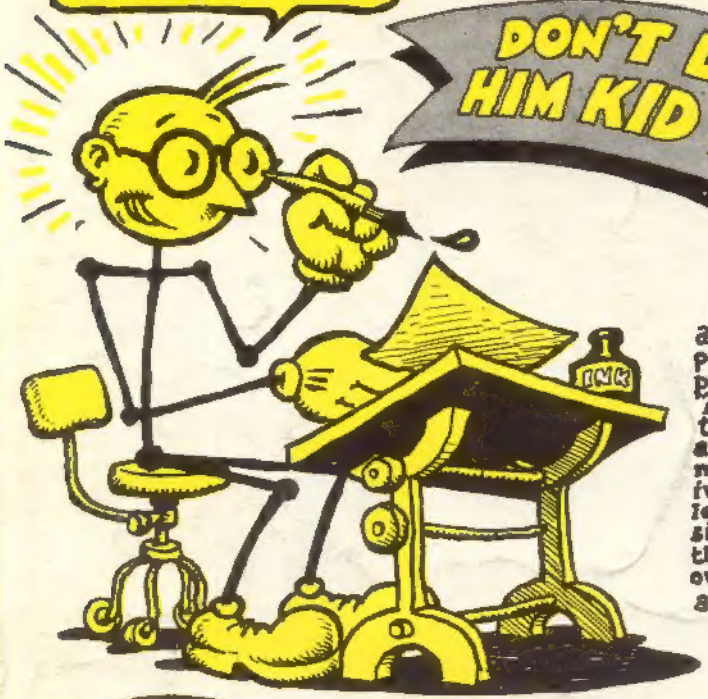
DRAWING CARTOONS IS FUN!

OBOY! TIME TO DRAW AGAIN!!

ANYONE CAN BE A CARTOONIST!

IT'S SO SIMPLE EVEN A CHILD CAN DO IT!!

DON'T LET HIM KID YOU



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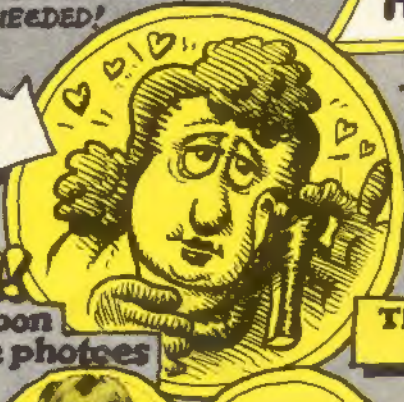

NO SUCH THING AS "INBORN TALENT"

People are always telling me, "I sure wish I had your talent, but I can't even draw a straight line!" This is just so much utter baloney! NOBODY can draw a straight line and any person who tells you he can is a liar, a cheat, and a fraud!!!

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